

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2005 – 1000 MST  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 1**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 59 new fires reported. One new large fire was reported, and three were contained in the Southern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Texas.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS/LARGE FIRES:**

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA, Texas Forest Service. A Unified Command between a Type 1 Incident Management Team (Quesinberry) and a Type 2 Incident Commander (Hannemann), representing the state of Texas, is in place in Granbury, TX. The Unified Command will assist local resources in managing existing fires and initial attack within the established response area in Texas. One new fire for 10 acres was reported yesterday within the response area. Figures in the table represent cumulative fire activity to date for the response area.

MISSION, Wewoka Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is two miles south of Seminole, OK in grass. Four residences and two commercial properties were destroyed. Moderate fire behavior was observed.

PINE SPRINGS, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is ten miles north of Centerpoint, OK in grass and understory. No new information was reported.

ALLEN, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is six miles north of Hugo, OK in grass. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS IA	TX	TXS	26,272	N/A	N/A	213	0	3	11	0	1.2M	N/A
MISSION	OK	WEA	3,500	95	12/31	46	2	2	0	25	500K	BIA
PINE SPRINGS	OK	OXS	6,620	85	UNK	3	0	2	0	4	NR	ST
ALLEN	OK	OXS	1,602	90	UNK	3	0	1	0	5	NR	ST
GATLIN	OK	CHA	500	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	10K	BIA
BIBB MTN.	OK	OXS	262	100	---	4	0	2	0	0	NR	PRI
EVE	AR	OZF	350	100	---	38	1	0	0	0	25K	FS

## OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** An approaching storm system in the West will bring warm, dry south to southwest winds to New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Winds will begin to increase on Saturday and turn very windy with low humidity on Sunday. High pressure will bring dry weather to most of the Southeast states.

<b>Geographic Area Weather</b>	<b>High Temperatures</b>	<b>Minimum Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Wind</b>
<b>Southern California</b> Showers, heavy at times Central and north parts of Southern California.	45 to 60 mountains. 55 to 68 valleys. 55 to 60 upper deserts. 68 to 72 lower deserts.	35 to 50%.	Southwest 15 to 30 mph with locally higher gusts.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### COMMON DENOMINATORS OF FIRE BEHAVIOR ON TRAGEDY FIRES

Five common denominators that contribute to accidents/incidents have been identified through studies of tragedy fires. It is important for firefighters to readily recognize the following common denominators so that future tragedies can be prevented:

- Most incidents happen on smaller fires or on isolated portions of larger fires.
- Most fires are innocent in appearance before unexpected shifts in wind direction and/or speed results in flare-ups or extreme fire behavior. In some cases, tragedies occur in the mopup stage.
- Flare-ups generally occur in deceptively light fuels, such as grass and light brush.
- Fires run uphill surprisingly fast in chimneys, saddles, gullies, and on steep slopes.
- Some suppression tools, such as helicopters or airtankers, can adversely affect fire behavior. The blasts of air from low-flying helicopters and airtankers have been known to cause flare-ups.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES					59		59
	ACRES					1,318		1,318
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	59	0	59
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	1,318	0	1,318

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	5	96	60	15	403	28	607
	ACRES	3,407	1,774,517	1,724,311	37,850	899,727	337	4,440,149
Northwest	FIRES	176	244	29	38	1,399	939	2,825
	ACRES	28,233	43,360	11,797	122	154,372	103,259	341,143
Northern California	FIRES	170	31	13	15	2,353	526	3,108
	ACRES	252	24,898	68	101	27,296	9,113	61,728
Southern California	FIRES	127	121	15	57	2,991	742	4,053
	ACRES	1,283	5,987	138	74,223	48,929	10,443	141,003
Northern Rockies	FIRES	497	62	33	12	660	667	1,931
	ACRES	20,389	8,773	9,798	25	38,346	51,735	129,066
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	53	730	8	36	728	603	2,158
	ACRES	23,199	681,080	6	2,708	151,396	94,973	953,362
Western Great Basin	FIRES	9	514	19	26	113	117	798
	ACRES	3,069	883,272	13,312	258	114,133	18,070	1,032,114
Southwest	FIRES	1,666	366	41	65	1,489	1,595	5,222
	ACRES	35,940	159,404	35,642	9,881	173,772	424,138	838,777
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	1,503	491	40	30	725	549	3,338
	ACRES	14,727	10,430	2,393	30	32,736	25,897	86,213
Eastern Area	FIRES	595		73	60	11,810	651	13,189
	ACRES	7,114		2,336	972	66,270	10,731	87,423
Southern Area	FIRES	309		187	40	27,936	845	29,317
	ACRES	57,120		42,428	2,654	442,676	30,860	575,738
TOTAL	FIRES	5,110	2,655	518	394	50,607	7,262	<b>66,546</b>
	ACRES	194,733	3,591,721	1,842,229	128,824	2,149,653	779,556	<b>8,686,716</b>

**These are the final numbers for 2005**

<b>Five Year Average Fires</b>	<b>69,082</b>
<b>Five Year Average Acres</b>	<b>4,311,346</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	38	275	90	3	1	654	1,061
	ACRES	8,454	43,411	4,921	265	1	55,145	112,197
Northern California	FIRES	17	26	147	48		496	734
	ACRES	228	1,517	26,049	9,191		36,754	73,739
Southern California	FIRES	2	7	9	22	9	120	169
	ACRES	1,095	427	1,064	6,255	87	12,428	21,356
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	42	108	6	101	420	686
	ACRES	495	5,143	24,014	195	5,815	43,237	78,899
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	2	40	6	12	57	113	230
	ACRES	15	20,447	1,460	123	6,738	36,533	65,316
Western Great Basin	FIRES		14	11	3		3	31
	ACRES		6,418	3,461	348		2,928	13,155
Southwest	FIRES	17	61	2	14	1	481	576
	ACRES	21,930	53,815	3,210	17,872	300	110,970	208,097
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	53	57	121	23	53	184	491
	ACRES	7,856	24,859	22,364	12,725	7,477	48,135	123,416
Eastern Area	FIRES	44		523	39	1,146	214	1,966
	ACRES	17,741		71,994	4,841	73,301	43,167	211,044
Southern Area	FIRES	34		184	61	432	1,176	1,887
	ACRES	7,180		109,366	55,212	284,793	940,686	1,397,237
TOTAL	FIRES	216	522	1,201	231	1,804	3,861	7,835
	ACRES	64,994	156,037	267,903	107,027	379,138	1,329,983	2,305,082

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			2	13	0		15
	ACRES			27,225	140,582	788		168,595
Northwest	FIRES		35		1		1	37
	ACRES		0		2		36,750	36,752
Northern California	FIRES				3		4	7
	ACRES				791		1	792
Southern California	FIRES				20		21	41
	ACRES				9,411		2,366	11,777
Northern Rockies	FIRES				10		94	104
	ACRES				55		56,336	56,391
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		104	110
	ACRES				166		85,383	85,549
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9		1			10
	ACRES		1		140			141
Southwest	FIRES	1			2	1	42	46
	ACRES	3,680			9,356	5	105,321	118,362
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		34		5	2	11	52
	ACRES		2,581		1	1,762	2,831	7,175
Eastern Area	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						11	11
Southern Area	FIRES				13			13
	ACRES				3,641			3,641
TOTAL	FIRES	1	78	2	74	3	279	437
	ACRES	3,680	2,582	27,225	164,145	2,555	288,999	489,186

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	1	2	5	28	1	11			80	112
Total	1	2	5	28	1	11	0	0	80	112

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